

# NAUTICAL NOTES



Newsletter of Peterborough Squadron  
CPS-ECP

*Volunteers teaching safe boating since 1959*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June/July 2023

Flare Return Day  
Saturday July 1st, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Paris Marine,  
2980 Lakefield Road  
Selwyn, ON

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Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check  
July, (Friday and Saturday, TBA)  
Reach Harbour  
Buckhorn Lake, Lakefield, ON

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## Commander's Message

Boating Season is finally here and we are excited about returning to waterways in Peterborough and the Kawarthas. Peterborough Squadron wishes all of our boaters a safe and enjoyable holiday season on the water and at regional cottages. As always, we aim to make your boating experience more fun by focusing on safety and skills development. We are again partnering with Paris Marine as they host the **Women Making Waves** instruction program for new boaters who wish to learn the basics of safety and navigation. An event will be held on July 08th 2023 at McCracken's Landing on Stony Lake. Contact Paris Marine directly (705 652 6444) to see if there are any spaces remaining. We are also offering a **Flare Return Day** at Paris Marine on Canada Day (July 01st), from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 p.m. (See poster on page 6 of this newsletter). This is a chance to dispose of your expired marine flares (no highway flares please) and chat with some members of our squadron who will offer advice on required safety equipment, if desired. If your flares have a production date of 2019 or older they need to be replaced!

On May 06th, 2023, Peterborough Squadron returned to beautiful Beachwood Resort on Buckhorn Lake for our Annual General Meeting and dinner. We had a wonderful day, and enjoyed the opportunity to thank officers for their service to the boating community. Our special guest, District Commander Bill Thompson was on hand to swear in our returning officers and help us celebrate another successful year offering education to students across Canada. You can find pictures and a write up of this event on pages 2-4.

The Squadron has recently expanded our outreach into the Peterborough Community by joining the Chamber of Commerce, and signing up to have a main floor booth at the Peterborough Home Show in April 2024. We are also advertising in regional publications such as Kawartha Cottage Magazine and the Kawartha Visitor's Guide. We value these opportunities to reach more boaters concerning the importance of life long learning about boating safety and navigation. For example, if you have friends or family members new to boating, they should check out the CPS ECP site to get a PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operator's Card) for \$49.95 ...

[Boatlicencecanada.ca](http://Boatlicencecanada.ca) (More details on page 7 of this newsletter).

*Commander Martha Scott,*

*Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron*



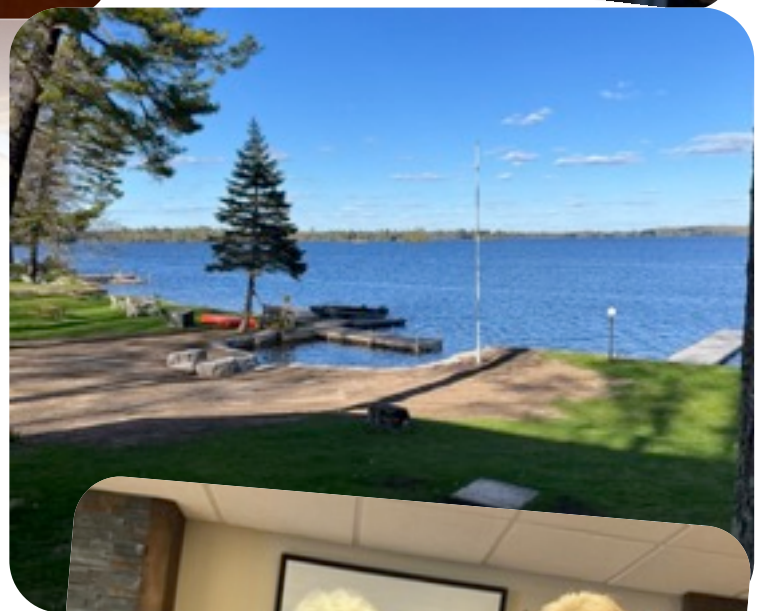
## Peterborough Squadron Annual General Meeting (AGM), May 06th 2023

On May 06th, 2023 officers and members of Peterborough Squadron gathered at Beachwood Resort, on the shores of Buckhorn Lake, for our AGM and dinner. This lovely family resort is owned and operated by CPS - ECP life member Karen Morgan and her family, who made us feel very welcome. District Commander Bill Thompson and his partner Karen Reid joined us for the event and DC Bill oversaw the change of watch for our bridge officers. Once again this year, I was inspired and extremely grateful for the almost 1,000 hours of volunteer time contributed by our squadron volunteers. I value every single volunteer hour contributed to CPS-ECP, but did give out several letters of appreciation to officers who did an outstanding job, often in the face of challenges presented while operating in the midst of the pandemic: Susan Mellow (Promotions and Advertising), Mel Little (Squadron Historian), Leann Blondin (Financial Officer), Munroe Scott (Maritime Radio), and Brian Simard, who provided leadership while serving on our Speaker Series Committee. I was extremely pleased to present Squadron Administrative Officer Gina Lee with a Commander's Citation for all of her hard work on behalf of the squadron, and for her dedication to the mission and values of the Power and Sail Squadron. Several members received pins for significant years of service, including: Nick Cliteur (10 years - 2021), Jim Lee (15 years - 2022) and Doug Hagan (20 years - 2022). Congratulations, Doug, on becoming our newest Life Member!

Our squadron remains in a healthy financial position, and is actively teaching courses and offering educational seminars to the wider community. We do have an urgent need to recruit new officers for the future, however, as many of our group have served for 10 - 20 years and would love to train some new recruits! We welcome any member who would like to come on board. Your assistance, even for a small number of hours, would be greatly appreciated and we will fully train you to volunteer in promotions, education, member recruitment, or whatever you see as your passion within CPS.

Following the AGM and change of watch, we gathered for cocktails in the lounge and then enjoyed a delicious feast at Frederick's restaurant. As the pictures below indicate, we had a lovely view of the water! Each person, or couple took home a door prize. Many thanks to those who donated gifts for the occasion! Gina also made wonderful table decorations in the form of margarita glasses filled with blue bath salts, and we are sure to enjoy margaritas dockside, or on our patios, throughout the summer (once we finish with the bubble baths). District Commander Bill paid us the highest compliment as he remarked that we were a fun-loving bunch who truly enjoyed being part of CPS-ECP.





Presentation of Commander's Citation  
to Gina Lee





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## Recreational Vessel Courtesy Checks Reach Harbour, Lake Buckhorn, July 2023

Transport Canada publishes a list of federally required safety equipment for all vessels (both engine and human powered) on their website and as part of the Canadian Safe Boating Guide. The requirements for safety equipment are specific to the type and length of your vessel. In order to ensure that you have all the gear that you need, Peterborough Power and Sail Squadron offers free recreational vessel safety checks at dockside wherever you keep your vessel. This season our volunteers will be returning to Reach Harbour, Buckhorn Lake, on a Friday evening and a Saturday in July (date to be confirmed).

Boat owners will participate in an inspection and receive a certificate if their vessel meets the requirements. Although this sticker, supplied by Transport Canada, will not guarantee that your boat will be overlooked by the OPP, (i.e. they may still come on board), you will have a much better chance of passing muster if you have participated in RVCC. Also, you will have the assurance that your boat and passengers are well protected in the event of a mishap. In addition to having all of the required safety gear, your equipment should be accessible in case of an emergency and in good working order! Remember to check the condition of ropes and lines, and ensure that your watertight flashlights have functioning batteries. Your life jackets should be appropriate for the age and size of your passengers, and, ideally, your PFDs should be worn at all times while onboard. Also, you can not legally operate, or even turn on, a marine radio without a restricted operator's card (ROCM). You can take a VHF radio course with Peterborough Squadron if you do not have a radio operator's license. (cps-ecp.ca - click on courses and select Peterborough Squadron).



# Do you have expired flares?

You can't light them, throw them in the water or in your household garbage

**Peterborough Power & Sail Squadron** and **Paris Marine** are hosting a

## **Safety Equipment Education and Flare Disposal Day**

Learn about required safety equipment, the care and maintenance of that equipment and how to safely and effectively use flares when needed.

**DATE:** **Saturday, July 1st (Canada Day), 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

Note: Marine Flares dated 2019 or older can be brought in, but they cannot be dropped off prior to 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** **Paris Marine, 2980 Lakefield Rd. Selwyn, ON**

In accordance with Transport Canada requirements, flares are approved for four years from the date of manufacture. Typically, this means that you need to replace your flares every third or fourth boating season and dispose of the old ones. ( ) If they have expired or will expire during the boating season, you must replace them... it's the law!

For more info, call Martha Scott 705 768-6526 or email us at [commander@peterboroughsafeboating.org](mailto:commander@peterboroughsafeboating.org)



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### **Pass, Print and Go**

Pass the Transport Canada Test  
Print a temporary card  
Go Boating!

Using the CPS -ECP Boat Licence Canada site allows you to get practical, useful lessons, and to connect to a community of boaters when you are finished!



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